

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1308

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A RESOLUTION to recognize John Pennington on the occasion of his retirement from the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, John Pennington is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirteen years as the President of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington soon will be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from the University of Cincinnati, John Pennington, as a result of his unswerving commitment to excellence in all his endeavors, held positions of increasing responsibility in public relations and corporate communications at such prominent firms as Genesco, Inc. and Dollar General; and

WHEREAS, he later distinguished himself as principal of Pennington, Pennington, and Associates, a marketing communication consultancy; Mr. Pennington has accumulated almost thirty years of experience as a public relations executive and business owner; and

WHEREAS, during John Pennington's thirteen years as President of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce, the institution has grown into one of the most vibrant Chambers in the area, largely due to Mr. Pennington's admirable leadership acumen and ability to inspire volunteers to assist the organization in the service of the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable tenure with the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Pennington has rendered sterling service as Chairman of the North Central Education Program, Chairman of Education Edge, a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Sumner County, a member of the COMPASS Board of Directors, a member of the search committee for the Sumner County Small Business Development Center, a member

of the Sumner County Tourism Board, and as a member of the Hendersonville Tomorrow Steering Committee; he is also an active member of TIDC, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives, and the Middle Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, John Pennington exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Pennington has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to John Pennington our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the presidency of the Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.